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25X1A MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] NPIC  
SUBJECT : Proposed Project Cooperation

25X1A 1. After discussions with staff members and P.I. Analysts of  
25X1A NPIC and ORD on the feasibility and potential of aerial photography for  
estimating crop yields, R/AG proposes that a beginning effort be under-  
taken by NPIC to collect photographic coverage of selected agricultural  
areas [REDACTED] We suggest that first priority be placed on  
photographic coverage in the major winter and spring wheat areas in the  
[REDACTED] To the extent possible the photography should cover the full  
growing season -- i.e., October through the succeeding July or August,  
in the case of winter wheat -- with emphasis on the months just prior  
to harvest. The choice of areas can be considered in subsequent discus-  
sions and can be governed to a considerable extent by the availability of  
photography in NPIC files.

25X1A 2. We suggest that NPIC, possibly in cooperation with ORD, attempt  
to develop keys for the estimation of wheat yields in the selected areas,  
and to develop or refine techniques for crop identification and the esti-  
mation of sown acreage of specific crops. R/AG would support this effort  
by attempting to obtain [REDACTED] detailed  
information on the acreage and final yields of wheat in the areas that  
have been selected for analysis. R/AG will also try to obtain progress  
reports on the condition of the wheat crop in the selected areas during  
the respective growing seasons, if such detailed information is available.

3. R/AG proposes that this memorandum be reviewed by NPIC and that a  
meeting between R/AG, NPIC and ORD be arranged to discuss the proposals  
and to initiate a coordinated effort to begin work on the proposed project.

Attachment:  
Memorandum for the Record  
Dated 11 October 1965

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